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### **BOARD ISSUES PROCLAMATIONS, APPROVES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) –At its regular meeting Wednesday, the Kentucky Board of Education heard updates and made decisions on a variety of items.

The board approved its 2013 legislative agenda, which includes the following items:

- amend KRS 156.557 to update statutory language to reflect the changes to the teacher effectiveness system
- update 157.3175 and repeal KRS 157.226 to adjust the funding formula for preschool
- amend various KRS Chapters 12, 151B, 156, 157, 158, 161, 164 and 165 to merge the state's two career and technical education systems under the Kentucky Department of Education
- amend KRS 159.010 to raise the compulsory school age for attendance from 16 to 18

The board agreed to issue a proclamation supporting the 2012 Ten Percent Challenge, a violence reduction and education awareness campaign sponsored by the nonprofit Win the War Against Violence organization.

The board also agree to issue a proclamation supporting the Work Ready Communities initiative. This initiative complements and supports the college and career readiness goals of the Commonwealth.

The board took several actions during the meeting:

- approved district facilities plans for the Campbell County, Magoffin County and Russell Independent school districts
- approved local district working budgets
- approved local district tax rates levied

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- approved the request of the Knox, Leslie, Owsley and Wolfe County school districts for a waiver of language in Section (4) of 702 KAR 7:125 to allow instructional programs to be conducted through online, phone and other non-traditional methods on days when school could not otherwise occur due to weather or health-related events
- approved revisions to 702 KAR 4:160, Capital Construction Process and the related forms to streamline the school construction process, include the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract delivery method and address changes to the forms
- approved 704 KAR 3:090, the regulation outlining components for a district-wide response to intervention system in grades kindergarten through grade 3

The board heard updates on several items:

- data from the Unbridled Learning accountability model
- the Kentucky Department of Education strategic plan
- the Task Force on Middle School Interscholastic Athletics
- the Professional Learning Task Force (PLTF), which advises the Kentucky Department of Education on creating a systemic infrastructure for supporting the growth and learning of all educators
- information about repealing current state regulations and promulgating a new regulation to streamline and update processes for implementing leadership reviews in Priority Schools

The Kentucky Board of Education will hold its next regular meeting on February 6, 2013 in Frankfort. For more information about the board, visit <http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education> or click on the Kentucky Board of Education link on the Kentucky Department of Education's homepage.

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